

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a United States patent is sought on the invention or discovery entitled

STREAM CLASS DRIVER FOR COMPUTER OPERATING SYSTEM

the specification of which is attached hereto;

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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all of the firm of Sidley & Austin, my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, William G. Parry, (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), having post office address of 6731 153rd Place S.E., Bellevue, King County, WA. 98006, U.S.A., am the sole inventor of an invention entitled "**STREAM CLASS DRIVER FOR COMPUTER OPERATING SYSTEM**" as described and claimed in the specification forming part of an application for United States letters patent executed herewith;

WHEREAS, MICROSOFT, (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE) a corporation of the State of Washington having a place of business at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto the said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters patent on said

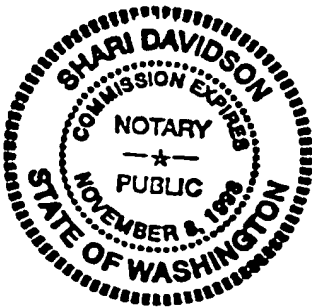
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invention, for litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18 day of December, 1997.

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§ ss:
COUNTY OF KING §

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this 18th day of December, 1997 personally appeared William G. Parry, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the instrument of his own free will and for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.



Shari Davidson
Notary Public, State of Washington

My Commission Expires: 11-8-98

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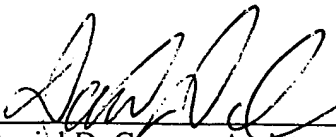
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and/or patent agents all listed under Customer No. 022913; and DANIEL D. CROUSE, Registration No. 32,022; and KATIE SAKO, Registration No. 32,628, of MICROSOFT CORPORATION, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052, as attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute said application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the Letters Patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. The declarant further declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon. All correspondence and telephonic communications should be directed to:

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All previous powers of attorney are hereby revoked.

Signed at Redmond, Washington, this 27th day of April, 2001.


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